

10 Questions Every Student Should Ask (and Answer) About Christianity:

"Isn't Christianity Against Diversity?"

MV: Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian (nomadic warriors from Siberia who liked tattoos), slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. (Col 3:11)



What is Diversity?

Why do people think Christianity is against diversity?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Who created diversity?

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 **Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.** 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:1-5)*

*Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" (John 14:9)*

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (Col 1:15)

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. (Isa 53:2)

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mar 12:29-31)

Jesus regularly broke through racial and cultural barriers—

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Jesus vs Rome

"Us" versus "Them"

William Wilberforce

Harriet Tubman

Today, Christianity is the most diverse belief system in the world.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES....

These are your small group guidelines, designed to keep your group a safe place to share.

1. Keep your sharing focused on your own thoughts & feelings. Please limit your sharing to 3–5 min.
2. No cross talk, please. Cross talk is when two people engage in a dialogue which excludes all others. Each person is free to express feelings without interruption. Discussion, where appropriate, is welcome.
3. We are here to support one another. We will not attempt to “fix” one another.
4. **Anonymity (secrecy) and confidentiality are basic requirements. What is shared in the group stays in the group! The only exceptions are when someone shares about hurting themselves or others, or being abused. Please trust your leaders to do the right thing with the information shared.**
5. Offensive language has no place in our small group.

WRITE ABOUT IT AND TALK ABOUT IT

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “Diversity”?
2. How is our youth group diverse?
3. What surprises you about the diversity of Christianity?
4. Memorize Colossians 3:11

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask God to help you celebrate the diversity God created and that is in our youth group.